

HOUSE BILL 1314

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Appropriations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Heller, Boschert, Bozman, Healey, Hixson, and Ramirez**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - National Guard Student**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a public institution of higher education to allow a
4 certain national guard student to withdraw from courses the national guard
5 student is currently enrolled in without negative consequences to the national
6 guard student's academic standing if the national guard student's unit is
7 activated and deployed ~~to a location outside the State~~; requiring a public
8 institution of higher education to try to assist the national guard student in
9 completing the course requirements under certain circumstances; ~~authorizing a~~
10 ~~public institution of higher education to provide a full or partial tuition refund to~~
11 ~~a national guard student who has withdrawn from courses due to the activation~~
12 ~~and deployment of the national guard student's unit~~; defining a certain term;
13 and generally relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to
14 allow a national guard student to withdraw from courses if the national guard
15 student is deployed ~~outside the State~~.

16 BY adding to

1 Article - Education
2 Section 15-106.3
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
6 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article - Education**

8 15-106.3.

9 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO
10 IS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND IS A MEMBER
11 OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL GUARD.

12 (B) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ALLOW A
13 NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT TO WITHDRAW FROM COURSES THE NATIONAL GUARD
14 STUDENT IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN WITHOUT NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES TO
15 THE NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT'S ACADEMIC STANDING IF THE NATIONAL GUARD
16 STUDENT'S UNIT IS ACTIVATED AND DEPLOYED ~~TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE STATE.~~

17 (C) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL TRY TO ASSIST THE
18 NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT IN COMPLETING THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS BY
19 EITHER:

20 (1) GIVING THE NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT A GRADE OF INCOMPLETE
21 AND WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT AND THE STUDENT'S
22 INSTRUCTOR ON A PROGRAM OF INDEPENDENT STUDY; OR

23 (2) TRANSFERRING THE NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT TO AN ONLINE
24 COURSE OF INSTRUCTION OFFERED AT AN INSTITUTION SUCH AS:

25 (I) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE'S
26 DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES; OR

27 (II) THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD'S ELECTRONIC
28 CAMPUS.

29 ~~(D) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY PROVIDE FOR A FULL
30 OR PARTIAL TUITION REFUND TO A NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT WHO HAS
31 WITHDRAWN FROM COURSES DUE TO THE ACTIVATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE
32 NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT'S UNIT.~~

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 October 1, 2004.

